

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-8.

Attachment: Replacement sheets with changes to Figures 1-8.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-9 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 4 and 10-12 have been amended. Claims 3, 4 and 10-14 are pending. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

The drawings stand objected to. Figures 1-8 have been amended to include the legend "PRIOR ART." Accordingly, the objection should be withdrawn.

Claim 14 stands objected to for informalities. Claim 14 has been included in this paper to overcome the objection.

Claims 1-5 and 10-12 stand objected to for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, claims 3, 4 and 10-12 have been amended to overcome the objection. Claims 1, 2 and 5 have been cancelled and therefore, the objection of these claims is moot.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,850,472 ("Miyazaki") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,428,597 ("Satoh"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claims 1, 2 and 5-9 have been cancelled and therefore, the rejection is moot.

Claims 3, 4 and 10-14 stand objected to. The Examiner indicates that these claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, claims 3 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form and include all of the limitations of claim 1. As indicated earlier, claim 10 has been amended to overcome the objection under 37 CFR § 1.75(a). Claims 11-14 depend from claim 10 and

therefore, contain all of the limitations of claim 10. Accordingly, claims 3, 4 and 10-14 are allowable.

In view of the above, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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